

BIG ATHLETIC FIELD FOR FRANKFORD HIGH SCHOOL PROJECTED

Fathers' Association Starts Movement to Raise \$20,000 to \$25,000 for Purchase of Five-acre Tract

WILL ASK PUBLIC AID Building Now Under Construction Without Equipment for Outside Sport

A determined campaign to raise from \$20,000 to \$25,000, with which to purchase and equip a five-acre athletic field for the Frankford High School, is being carried on by the Fathers' Association of the Frankford High School, and already \$1000 in pledges has been raised by that organization.

The first meeting of the newly formed association was held last night, when plans were outlined for conducting the campaign. A committee of more than 100 members was appointed to carry out the project, and it is expected that in the near future a public meeting for residents of Frankford and surrounding sections will be called in order to facilitate the efforts of this committee.

The need for the proposed athletic field has become more acute in that the Frankford High School, which is now being built, is a four-story structure, and although the magnificent structure occupies a four-acre tract of land, the building is so close to the grounds as to leave virtually no room for athletic facilities of an outdoor nature.

When it became apparent that the Board of Education was not in a position to purchase and equip an athletic field for the use of the 1300 boys and girls who will attend the new high school, the principal of that institution, G. Alvin Snook, began active work to have the fathers of the pupils interest themselves in the proposition.

The president of the Fathers' Association of the Frankford High School is William H. Thomas. John Sidebottom, Jr., is vice president; R. P. Sumner, secretary, and C. H. Ayres, treasurer. Although none of the officers of the organization is so optimistic as to predict the completion of the campaign by the time the new high school is opened to the students on the first of the year, they do expect that within a year the project will be either effected or so nearly realized as to be an assured success.

WOMAN INVOLVED IN MURDER, SAYS PARTNER

Continued from Page One: up sometimes every day; never less than every other day. Frequently I answered the telephone. When Cord talked to her it was always in affectionate terms.

"Mrs. Cord knew something about this. She was insanely jealous of her husband. I know this because once Cord came into the office and said to me:

"I had a h— of a time last night. If this thing keeps up I'm going to get another room at the house."

"Why?" I asked. "Oh," he said, "Mrs. Cord is always screaming about this other woman."

"Cord never told me her name. I do not know her age. I don't know what she looks like or where she lives. It was generally known that Cord was infatuated with her."

"I've even talked more freely today than I have at any other time. He said what he said was the whole, true story of his life from the time he came to the United States, at the age of 15 years. He was born in Sweden and he had a checkered career in this country, according to his story. Only one item in the tale he told was found to be incorrect. When reporters went back to him with this he said he had forgotten it."

FRIEND OF MCKINLEY. Several great men have been Peterson's friends, he said. One of them was President William McKinley.

The prisoner also went into details of his reported deal with the Standard Oil Company. He said he had refused an offer of securities from the Rockefeller concern in exchange for Virginia oil and timber lands because he did not believe the papers regarding them were correct.

"I was born January 22, 1867," said Peterson, "at Karls Krona, Sweden. I landed in New York when I was 18 years old and went to work for the late President McKinley. I was in the White House in 1895 as a messenger and was merely called in as a coroner's witness."

MAMIE SULLIVAN CASE. "I happened to be the first man to discover Mamie Sullivan, the girl they now say was murdered. That I don't remember, but my impression is that the coroner's jury said she came to her death as the result of foul play. I was questioned, but never arrested or detained in that case."

"I worked on farms for a time before I settled in Paterson. I also spent some time in Ohio. It was there I met the late President McKinley. Another man who was a good friend of mine was former Governor John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, and former Vice President Hobart."

"I went back to New York from Paterson. There I was in the real estate business, and I came to Philadelphia in 1906, since that time I have lived in either this city, Camden or nearby Jersey towns."

"Mrs. Peterson is a Philadelphian. Her mother is still living in that city. "About that Standard Oil deal the company offered me \$5 an acre for 6000 acres in Buchanan County, Virginia, but wanted to pay in securities. I didn't think they were negotiable, and so I turned down the offer. I still have the deed for that property."

Peterson was asked if he had ever been arrested. "Yes, I did serve 10 months there, but I suffered for the crime of another man. He gave me a bunch of checks to cash. He then gave me a check for \$1000. He told me he was a doctor. I didn't know it. He told me they were good and I took his word for it."

"I was in the office of C. H. Ayres, who is present with Peterson today. He is a coroner. There was an accident on July 31 no one is to blame. He spoke calmly."

WORK ON FRANKFORD ELEVATED LINE BEGINS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Transit Department Authorizes Start Five Days Before Time Originally Set—Foundation Work Under Way

CALLS FOR NEW BIDS

With the approval of the Department of City Transit, construction work has been begun on the foundations for the Frankford elevated line five days before the date set for the beginning which was stipulated in the specifications and the contract between the city and Contractor James D. Dorney.

At the same time Director Taylor today began advertising for bids for the construction of the steel superstructure of the elevated. These will be opened and contracts let on October 19.

While the public ceremonies to make the formal beginning of Philadelphia's system of new high-speed lines will not be held until Saturday afternoon, Director Taylor agreed to have the work on the Frankford line begin as soon as the contractor had the machinery in place and all preliminary details arranged.

Nearly 100 laborers are working on Front street between 22nd and 23rd streets. The holes are about 10 feet square and are dug along the side of the street, with the sidewalk curbstones as a guide. The work was begun first at this particular point because the mud stratum encountered in the borings showed that it would be necessary to rest the foundations on a quality upon piles driven deep in the earth.

After the pile forms are driven to solid bottom the mandrels will be withdrawn and the concrete filling poured. Nine days are required to support each concrete foundation pillar.

The series of pits now being dug will be continued south as far as Germantown avenue at this time. From there the contractor will go south through the city streets, where they will proceed south as far as Noble street.

Bids for the superstructure, which are being advertised today, call for four separate contracts for this work.

SALARY BASIS URGED FOR ALL EVANGELISTS

"Thank Offerings" to Be Cut Out Under Plan Backed by Churchmen

"Billy" Sunday and other professional evangelists will be compelled to register if a movement fostered by many religious denominations is successful.

Instead of roaming the country at will the evangelists will be regulated in their movements and incomes as part of the church work. Business contracts with stipulated salaries will supplant the present method of "thank offerings" through which the evangelist is usually remunerated for his "soul-saving" labors.

That churchmen are beginning to realize the lucrative nature of evangelizing and the scattered results is evidenced as the cause of the movement. Experts on evangelistic work say that better results can be secured by the engagement of a registered evangelist by the evangelistic churches of a community than by haphazard services. The experiment has been tried by the Federal Council's Commission on Evangelism, which, through the Rev. Dr. George H. Roberts, of the Presbyterian Church, is investigating the records and classifying the country's professional evangelists.

"Evangelists receive less than \$300 a month for the eight months of the evangelistic season, it is pointed out. The season's compensation is something like \$1000 a year, makes several times that amount yearly."

Men prominent in the church maintain that the commission is to a large degree responsible for the widespread growth of evangelism in this country. Committees on evangelism have been formed in 26 denominations in the last few years. The officers of the commission are: The Rev. Dr. George H. Roberts, of the Presbyterian Church, chairman; the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, of the Reformed Church, secretary, and the Rev. Dr. William E. Biederwolf, general secretary.

WIFE DESERTER CAUGHT

Found in Richmond With Philadelphia Woman Who Quit Husband

Mrs. Annie Kaplan, 33 years old, the daughter of Dr. Jacob Feuerstein, of 404 Market street, was arrested in Richmond, Va., last night, with Morris H. Orenstein, a tailor of New Haven, Conn., who is accused of deserting his wife and five children and of violating the Mann white slave law, according to dispatches from that city today.

With Mrs. Kaplan at the time of her arrest were her two children. She was married in this city last year ago to Jacob Kaplan, a hat and cap manufacturer, who formerly had a place of business at 3d and Arch streets, according to Doctor Feuerstein. It is said that the couple's married life was not happy and that she deserted him about two years ago and went to New York to live.

"We haven't seen her for two years," said another source today. "We don't care to see her, either, as she has totally ignored us for the last few years. We have heard no word beyond what is contained in the dispatches."

BEWAILS LACK OF WEDDINGS

Photographer Who Specializes in Hymeneal Groups Loses Out

A lack of Polish weddings in Manayunk is said to be responsible for the misfortune which brought Anthony White, of 5111 Chestnut street, before the camera today. He was sentenced to three months imprisonment in the House of Correction.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE GAINS FRENCH LINE ON VERDUN FLANKS

Paris Admits Loss of Defensive Positions Under Attack by Entire Army Corps

LOSE NEAR BIRNVILLE

Terrific fighting occupied last night in the Argonne, with the Germans continuing the assault launched yesterday afternoon with 40,000 men against the French positions. Today's communique from the War Office admits the loss of a portion of a French trench, but states that the French troops captured some prisoners.

Paris military experts are unable to judge yet whether the resumption of the offensive by the Crown Prince's men in the Argonne is the beginning of a move by the Germans in the west or merely a local conflict intended to relieve part of the German front from the deadly fire poured upon it by the French guns.

On other portions of the front the usual artillery duel is still in progress. The official communique follows: "In Artois there occurred last night a conflict with grenades and rifle firing from trench to trench in the sectors of Neuville and Rocourt. A rather sharp cannonade took place to the south of Arras and in the region of Roy.

In the Argonne, in the region of Fontainebleau, violent combats took place during the entire night. The Germans renewed their attack with great fury. Our line, with the exception of the trench east of Birnville, was everywhere maintained. We took some prisoners and captured a rapid-fire gun.

"In Lorraine, in the Forest of Paroy, some advance post engagements were reported in which we had the advantage. In the Vosges, fighting with grenades occurred on the heights to the east of Metz.

"Fifty shells were thrown yesterday by our aviators on the station at Châlons-en-Champagne. Between 8 and 9 o'clock last night one of our dirigibles bombarded the station and the mills at Neale."

Observations on a recent tour of the battle front leads to the conviction that the Allies are ready for any event, whether offensive or defensive. If the sudden display of activity reported in the Argonne last night means a real German drive southward to isolate Verdun fortress from the Crown Prince is due for a surprise.

Considerable significance is attached to recent events in the world war, including the fact that the Crown Prince has assumed supreme command of the Russian army and navy. General Joffre's visit to Italy, following on Lord Kitchener's visit to France; King Albert's visit to Joffre and other visits between commanding officers of the Allies, together with official admission that the British now hold a more extended line on the western front, enhance the impression that the Allies plan concerted action in a new offensive.

TORTURE PHILADELPHIAN'S KIN

Parents, Brothers and Sister Put to Death With Horrible Cruelty

Armenian massacres by the Turks are brought vividly home to Philadelphians today by a letter received from Professor Ushakian, a tailor of 6123 Media street, Hashishian's parents, two brothers and a sister, according to the professor, were put to death by terrible tortures.

The professor writes of his people some weeks ago, following the report of Armenian massacres, and wrote to them at his old home. His letter arrived after they had been slain, and fell into the hands of Professor Hashishian, who wrote in reply as follows:

"They were first tortured with vices, which destroyed their fingers; then clamps containing teeth were clamped around their arms, puncturing their arteries. They were then thrown into the streets, where they died from loss of blood."

Regarding other Turkish atrocities, the professor said: "At Celgia all the Armenian women and children are being chased out, many dragging their way to Palestine. The streets are littered with the bodies of those too weak to flee, while many die of starvation. Only those who accept the Mohammedan religion are spared."

"At Yentisia, children are being torn from their mothers' arms, while the mothers are sent to exile and the children drowned. At Dirirangard 2000 Armenian women and children were massacred."

EXPECTS BELL JURY TONIGHT

Trial of Indianapolis Mayor Believed Near at Hand

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 9.—Prosecutor Rucker today predicted that before night a jury will have been chosen to try Mayor Joseph E. Bell on the charge of conspiring with Thomas Taggart and others to corrupt the Marion County elections.

Realizing that the Bell trial probably is the test case for the 124 other indicted men, attorneys for the State and defense bitterly jockeyed for a jury.



Major Wogo Tankositch

VIENNA, Sept. 8.—Major Wogo Tankositch, the alleged instigator of the double murder that started the present war, is now serving in the Russian army as an officer of the general staff. The major was the leader of the Serbian secret society, "Narodna Obrana," and is accused of planning the assassination of the Austrian heir to the throne, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, and his wife at Sarajevo.

At the trial of the assassins, Princip and Gavrino, and their confederates, it was testified that they had been hired, armed and instructed by Tankositch. After the hostilities began it was said that Tankositch had been removed from the Serbian army and later his death was reported.

The Bulgarian official paper, Narodni Prava, now furnishes proof that the major is alive. When he left Serbia he entered the Russian army.

COUNCILS WILL MEET AGAIN NEXT THURSDAY

Call for First Session After Summer Recess Will Be Issued Tomorrow

The first full meeting of Councils will be held next Thursday, and a call will be issued tomorrow for its gathering. Mayor Blankenburg has in his possession 15 ordinances and one resolution passed at the last session of Councils on July 1 that has not as yet acted on.

These measures were discussed at a meeting of the Mayor's Cabinet held in City Hall today. None of the holdover measures is of unusual importance. They relate, in many instances, to street openings and paving operations.

The financial conditions of the various departments of the municipal government will be made the subject of study at the first session of Councils. Members of the Finance Committee believe that no temporary loan will be needed this year to carry out the expenses of the departments.

No immediate action on the tax rate is anticipated, as Councils have until December to consider this important task. It is likely that the rate will be fixed in October, before the election, and that it will be one dollar, as at present.

The departmental budgets for 1916 will be taken up after the election.

PENROSE FOR PRESIDENT

Wayne County Candidate for Delegation to Republican National Convention Declares for Senator

A movement to line up the Pennsylvania delegation to the next Republican National Convention in support of United States Senator Boies Penrose for the nomination for President has been launched. The first move was made last night, when Charles H. Doringler, a wealthy glass manufacturer of Wayne County, Pa., announced his candidacy as a delegate, and declared himself in favor of Penrose for President.

Since Governor Brumbaugh exposed his part of the deal by which Thomas B. Smith became the Organization "harmony" candidate for Mayor, friends of Senator Penrose have been active in all parts of the State lining up the Organization men in favor of the Senator. It is probable that Penrose will be a candidate, but, with the Pennsylvania delegation pledged to him, he could go to the convention next year as the dominant figure, as Quay did in 1896.

Doringler is the first man to announce his candidacy as a delegate. He was a delegate to the Chicago Convention of 1898 from the Bradford, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming districts.

Gun Fighter Held for Coroner

Vincenzo Rosco, of 1725 South 9th street, who, the police say, shot and fatally wounded Antonio Molinar, of 1221 South Warnock street, in a pistol duel at 11th and Wharton streets, August 28, was committed to the county prison by Magistrate Pennock at the Central station today to await the action of the Coroner.

Advertisement for Consolidated Furniture Mfrs., Inc. featuring 'Period Furniture Remarkably Low-Priced' and 'The Broad Highway' by Jeffrey Farnol. Includes a list of furniture items and prices.

THREAT TO BLOW UP C. M. SCHWAB'S HOME

Letters to Steel Magnate Warn Against Shipping War Material to Allies

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Sept. 8.—Charles M. Schwab has received several threatening letters to blow up his summer home at Lorette if he did not stop shipping steel and other war material to Europe for the use of the Allies, according to information received here today. The Schwab servants left hurriedly today, Mrs. Schwab left several days ago and the big mountain mansion is closed right in the height of the early autumn social season.

The first of the letters was received early in the summer. It was a short time later that several strange men appeared in the village. They have been here all summer, spending much of their time at Immergrun. They are detectives from a New York bureau, according to reports.

SUFFRAGISTS QUESTION MAYORALTY ASPIRANTS

Letter to Candidates Asks Them to Define Attitude on Votes for Women

The Philadelphia mayoralty candidates have been requested to declare their position in regard to the woman suffrage amendment, which will go before the voters on November 2.

The request was made in the form of a letter signed by Mrs. Wilfred Lewis, president of the Equal Franchise Society. Philadelphia suffragists are anxiously awaiting the replies.

A personal letter was sent to each candidate for the mayoralty today, which read as follows: "The Equal Franchise Society of Philadelphia earnestly requests you to declare your position in reference to the woman suffrage amendment to go before the voters on November 2. We would remind you that the political leaders of all parties have declared for enfranchising the women of this State, among them Senator Penrose, Governor Brumbaugh, Senator Vane, Vance McCormick, Roland Morris, Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Roland Draper Lewis. The women of Philadelphia will be glad to have the assurance that you will advocate their enfranchisement."

VARES TO "PRESENT" SMITH

Downtown Leaders Will Try to Win Back Disgruntled Followers

The Vares will lead Thomas B. Smith, the Organization "harmony" candidate for Mayor, into their own ball park tomorrow, in an effort to arouse enthusiasm for him among their followers, who have been disgruntled since Congressman William S. Vares bowed to defeat at the hands of Senators Penrose and McNichol at the historic Republican City Committee meeting last week.

Receiver of Taxes W. Freeland Kendrick will accompany Smith on a visit to all of the Republican War Committees in South Philadelphia. Organization followers have been invited to attend the meetings.

Tonight Smith will visit the Republican War Committees of the 21st and 22d Wards on an "acquaintance tour" to meet Organization ward committeemen. Kendrick will accompany Smith tonight also, in order to publicly give Smith the Vares stamp of approval.

SUICIDE FOR LOVE

Unsuspecting Friend Sees Infatuated Man Take Poison Dose

William J. Gildea, 29 years old, disappeared in love, committed suicide today by drinking poison at the home of Mrs. Ellen House, 250 North Water street, with whom he was said to be infatuated. Gildea mixed the dose in the presence of his friend, John Enhart, who thought he was merely mixing a drink. When Enhart asked him for some of the mixture Gildea remarked, "There is death in this glass," and then drank it. A physician was summoned, but the man was already past recovery.

TAKES CLOTHES, SHUNS SILVER

Main Line Thief Satisfied With Hats and Suits

Somewhere a tramp is loitering the highway today in the habiliments of better days, which he collected with the discrimination from the wardrobes of F. H. Gale, Linden Lane, Merion, Mr. Gale and his family are at Cape May, and have not yet heard of the robbery. He was turned down by the police. He had simply tired of his garments, what remained of them, and had decided to find better ones. The gardener discovered an open door in the house, and found the tramped's hat and dress suits were included in the loot carried off by the visitor, in addition to that which he donned.

127,147 MEN WENT TO POLLS ON FIRST REGISTRATION DAY

Official Figures Show That Party Enrollment September 2 Was 28,962 Greater Than Opening Last Year

Official figures for September 1, the first registration day for the election this fall, made public today, show that 127,147 electors registered and qualified to vote at the primary election September 1.

The Board of Registration Commissioners has not yet received complete returns from the second day, last Tuesday, but indications are that the second day's registration will exceed 75,000, making the total registration for the first two days this fall more than 200,000.

The first day's registration exceeded that of the first day in 1914 by 38,962, and was the largest registration in recent years. The next largest registration was as follows: First day, 1913—115,979; Second day, 1913—110,053; First day, 1909—107,115; Third day, 1912—104,720.

RECORD IS NOT UNLIKELY

THIRTY DIVISIONS MISSING

Figures from about 30 divisions on the second day's registration are still missing. With these to be added to the total for that day it is about 15,000.

In 1911, when Rudolph Blankenburg was elected Mayor, the registration was 206,551, should the registration next Saturday for the municipal election this fall, exceed 95,000 more electors will be qualified to vote this year than in any other election held in Philadelphia within 19 years.

The Board of Registration Commissioners announced today that, in order to receive early returns on next Saturday's registration, the office of the commissioners will be open next Sunday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock to receive registration books from the registrars.

The official registration for September 2, as compared with that of the first day of 1914, follows:

Table comparing registration figures for 1914 and 1915 across various wards.

THE EVENING LEDGER'S BIRTHDAY!

The Evening Ledger will be one year old on September 14. To fittingly mark its first birthday there will be issued a Big Anniversary Number. This special issue will contain a full-page Photographic Portrait of your Mayoralty Candidate, together with other fine photographs of more than usual interest.

A great new serial will begin in this special issue—a good, rollicking story of the days of old. It is a full-flavored tale of brave men and worthy deeds.

"The Broad Highway" By Jeffrey Farnol. As the title indicates, the story deals with that broad highway which bred so many fine old Englishmen.

Remember the date—the Evening Ledger's Anniversary Day—September 14th, 1915